

REMARKS

The above-referenced patent application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action, mailed April 23, 2007. Reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the office action dated April 23, 2007, Assignee hereby elects claims 1-5 and 7-11, without traverse. Assignee respectfully notes that the Examiner made his restriction requirement without identifying sets of claims. The Examiner does mention Figures 6 and 7 as evidence of distinct species. Assignee respectfully submits that Figures 6 and 7 depict example embodiments, and that the claimed subject matter is not restricted to those example embodiments. Assignee further submits that the claimed subject matter is not limited by the Examiner's description of the species.

Claims 12 and 13, directed to the non-elected species, have been withdrawn. Claims 14-24 have been cancelled. Assignee submits that the withdrawal and/or cancellation of these claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer, and Assignee reserves the right to claim this subject matter and/or other disclosed subject matter in a continuing application.

Claims 25-33 have been added. Support for claims 25-33 may be found, for example, throughout the specification and at Figure 6. No new matter has been added. Assignee submits that claims 25-33 are directed to the same species as elected claims 1-5 and 7-11.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all of the claims pending in the present patent application are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 439-6500. Reconsideration of the present patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to deposit account no. 50-3703.

Respectfully submitted,

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